

(a) the quantity of pepper exported during the year 1991-92;

(b) the State which produced the maximum quantity; and

(c) whether there is any increase in the export of pepper this year as compared to previous three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHED): (a) Provisional figures of export of pepper during 1991-92 (April-February) are 13,305 MT valued at Rs. 48.81 crores.

(b) The major pepper producing State is Kerala.

(c) No, Sir, the export of pepper has declined this year as compared to the previous three years due to a number of reasons which include low production and uncertain situation in the erstwhile USSR.

[Translation]

Loan Assistance to Uttar Pradesh

5084. SHRI GAYAPRASAD KORI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of the loan assistance provided by the Union Government to the Government of Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of the works/programmes undertaken/implemented with this assistance during each of the above years; and

(c) the areas in the State where such works/programmes are being undertaken/implemented during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI

SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) The amounts of loan assistance provided to the Government of Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years under normal Central assistance, additional Central assistance for externally aided projects and the Hill Areas Development Programmes are as under:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>(Rs. in crores)</i>
1988-89	593.02
1989-90	725.84
1990-91	902.58

(b) and (c). Assistance to States for financing their Annual Plan outlays and other Area Programmes are provided as Block Loans and Block Grants and are not related to any particular works/programmes.

[English]

Export of Granite

5058. SHRIMATIVASUNDHARAJE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target set for the export of granite for the year 1991-92 has been achieved;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the targets fixed for its export during Eighth Five Year Plan or by 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Exports of Granite and Granite Products are expected to reach Rs. 700 crores by 1994-95 subject to availability of various

facilities, such as declaration of Granite as a major mineral, extension of 100% EOU Scheme for Granite mining and quarrying etc.

[Translation]

Silk Production In Tribal Areas of Bihar

5086. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of silk in tribal dominated (Vanachal) areas of Chota Nagpur Santhal Pargana in Bihar; and

(b) the amount provided by the Government to Bihar during 1989-90, 1990-91, 1991-92 for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) In order to supplement the efforts of the State Government, the Central Silk Board has created the following infrastructure for providing research, extension, Seed Production, Marketing & Training support for development of sericulture in tribal dominated (Vanachal) areas of Chota Nagpur & Santhal Pargana districts in Bihar -

1. Regional sericulture Research Station for mulberry at Ranchi (Chota Nagpur)

2. Silkworm Seed Production Centre at Ranchi (Chota Nagpur)

3. Research Extension Centre for mulberry sericulture at Gumla (Chota Nagpur)

4. Technical Service Centres at Maheshpur & Sahibganj (Santhal Pargana) and Chaibasa & Lohardaga (Chota Nagpur)

5. Sericulture Training School at Ranchi (Chota Nagpur)

6. Central Tasar Research & Training Institute at Ranchi (Chota Nagpur)

7. Regional Tasar Research & Training Institute at Dumka (Santhal Pargana)

8. Basic Seed Multiplication cum Training Centres at Madhopur & Kathikund (Santhal Pargana) and Naomandi & Kharswan (Chota Nagpur) and

9. Raw Material Bank at Chaibasa (Chota Nagpur)

Central Silk Board has also extended facilities for development of sericulture in South Bihar, such as supply of mulberry cuttings, extension support, training, supply of DFLs, marketing support etc.

(b) The amount spent/allocated by Central Silk Board (CSB) towards development of sericulture in Bihar during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 are as under:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount spent/allocated</i>
<i>(Rs. in lakhs)</i>	
1989-90	35.78
1990-91	196.01
1991-92	350.51

Rehabilitation Centres for War Widows in Bihar

5087. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rehabilitation centres set up for the war widows in Bihar district-wise;